Wireshark

GUI (Graphical) – point and click

Display filters (after capture): Very detailed, like http.request.method == "POST"

tcpdump

• CLI (command line interface) - type commands.

Capture filters (before capture): Simpler, like port 80

Similarities

- Can read/write.pcap files.
- Can be used together: e.g.,
 capture with tcpdump
 (lightweight) → analyze later with Wireshark (visual)
 - Are packet sniffers, not IDS tools.